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FOR: SEMIFINISHED FLAT TUBE,

PROCESS FOR PRODUCING SAME, FLAT TUBE, HEAT

EXCHANGER COMPRISING THE FLAT TUBE AND PROCESS FOR

FABRICATING THE HEAT

EXCHANGER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.